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[Inclosure—Circular.]

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *May 10, 1900.*

Plague having appeared at Shidzuoka, the provisions of circular from this office, of date April 15, as regards the antembarkation quarantine and disinfection of all steerage passengers from, or having passed through, infected districts, are extended to such passengers from the ken of Shidzuoka, or coming by rail from any point south of the same, or who, from any direction, have passed through said ken on their way to Yokohama.

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,  
*Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.*

Approved:

JOHN McLEAN,  
*Vice Consul-General of United States, In Charge.*

*Plague at Osaka.*

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *May 13, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to advise you that, since my report of May 7, cases of plague have occurred in Osaka as follows: May 7, 2; May 8, 1; May 10, 5, or a total of 19 since the reappearance of the epidemic in that city.

One of the cases, of date May 7, was in a district of Osaka hitherto unattacked.

The case reported from Shidzuoka, May 7, has since died, and was unquestionably diagnosed as true plague. The victim, however, came from Osaka, and no second case has, as yet, been met with at Shidzuoka.

Respectfully, STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., Sanitary Inspector.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

MALTA.

*Malta quarantines against Egyptian ports—Communicated by the United States consul.*

The following notices, the principal parts of which refer to action to be taken with regard to passengers and vessels arriving at Malta from Egyptian ports, have just been made official by being published in the Government Gazette. This action, it is understood, is due to the fact that smallpox exists in Egypt, and also to guard against plague, should it break out at the above ports this year. The examinations and precautions made and taken by the health authorities are so searching and complete that it is hardly possible that any contagion is likely to become epidemic here, coming from the outside world.

[Inclosure.]

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

His excellency the governor, having heard the opinion of the board of health, has been pleased to modify Government Notice No. 45 of the 2d March, 1900, and to direct that the following regulations be observed, viz:

(1) VESSELS WHICH ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER THE HARBOR, BUT ARE ALLOWED TO COMMUNICATE IN QUARANTINE WITH THE ISLANDS OF COMINO AND COMINOTTO UNDER SUCH RESTRICTIONS AS THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS MAY DIRECT.

(a) Vessels that have on board, or have had during the voyage, cases of cholera, yellow fever, or plague or cases of a disease with symptoms resembling those of cholera, yellow fever, or plague.

(b) Vessels with pilgrims from the East.

(c) Vessels arriving from Arabian ports in the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf which have not been admitted to free pratique at Suez and Port Said.